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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for January 19, 2000 - January 21, 2000

The House and Senate are adjourned until January 24, 2000

Elian Gonzalez. We anticipate that the House and Senate both will move to grant Elian Gonzalez citizenship as soon as Congress returns on January 24th. OLA staff is currently working with INS staff and the White House on the issues surrounding this likely legislation. (First)

Hopi-Navajo Litigation. On January 18th, along with the Department of Interior and the U.S. Attorneys Office in Phoenix, staff from ENRD and OLA met with staff members from the offices of Senators McCain and Kyl, Congressman Stump, and the Committee on Indian Affairs, to update them on what is happening with regard to implementation of the settlement, which requires the U.S. to make payments and to take lands into trust for the Hopi Tribe. In particular, we informed the staff (as required by statute) that 85% of eligible Navajo heads of households had entered into accommodation agreements with the Hopi tribe, allowing them either to remain on the Hopi reservation or to choose to relocate. (Pearlman)

Victims Rights Amendment. OLA staff is working with various Department components and the White House to complete a views letter regarding S.J. Res. 3, a proposed victims rights amendment to the Constitution. The legislation has passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In addition, OLA staff have been meeting with staffs of both the House and the Senate to try to gauge whether this legislation is going to move in the upcoming session. At present, OLA anticipates that the full Senate may take up this resolution in the coming months, but has no indication at present that the House plans to consider this bill. (Pearlman)

House Judiciary Committee Oversight. We continue to work with House Judiciary staff's requests for a variety of information. We have final drafts circulating for review on attorney cash and overtime awards, use of outside attorneys and 6(e) disclosures. Drafts are being written to respond to follow up on campaign finance judge assignments and further research is being

conducted regarding a request on clemency decisions (Peltier) and Antitrust Division's use of private attorneys. A briefing on the Khobar Towers bombing will be provided to Chairman Hyde and Ranking Minority Member Conyers when they return from recess. (Wilson)

Unlawful Conduct on the Internet. On January 14th, staff from the Office of the Associate Attorney General and Office of Legislative Affairs briefed both majority and minority staff members of the House Commerce Committee. This briefing was part of a series of briefings already given to House and Senate Judiciary staff members by ODAG and OASG staff on the President's Executive Order on Unlawful Conduct on the Internet. (Owen)

Nominations. Staff from the Office of Legislative Affairs and Office of Policy Development continue to meet on judicial nominations to prepare for the upcoming session of Congress. (Scott-Finan)

Police Integrity. The Department's Working Group continues to meet in planning sessions for the follow-up meeting to the June conference on "racial profiling/data collection" to be held in February 17th. (Scott-Finan)